

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7455–S7530

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3741–3748. **Page S7509**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. (S. Rept. No. 115–432) **Page S7509**

Measures Passed:

Returns by Exempt and Certain Non-Exempt Organizations: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 260), Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 64, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to “Returns by Exempt Organizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations”. **Pages S7458–74**

Removal and Transfer Procedures: Senate passed S. 3748, to amend the removal and transfer procedures for the Inspectors General of the Library of Congress, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Government Publishing Office. **Pages S7521–22**

Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 1158, to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7522–24**

Gardner (for Cardin) Amendment No. 4102, to make technical corrections. **Pages S7523–24**

Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act: Senate passed S. 1580, to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7524**

Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 1222, to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7524–25**

Gardner (for Durbin/Young) Amendment No. 4103, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7524–25**

Federal Personal Property Management Act: Senate passed S. 3031, to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the management of Federal personal property. **Pages S7525–26**

Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act: Senate passed S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer’s disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer’s Disease and Healthy Aging Program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7526–27**

Gardner (for Collins) Amendment No. 4104, to clarify provisions relating to waivers. **Pages S7526–27**

Federal Election Campaign Act: Senate passed H.R. 7120, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend through 2023 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission. **Page S7527**

American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women in the United States: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 444, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7528**

29th Anniversary of the Tribal Canoe Journey of the Tribal Nations of the Pacific Northwest: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 596, recognizing the

29th anniversary of the Tribal Canoe Journey of the Tribal Nations of the Pacific Northwest and congratulating the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for hosting the 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7528**

Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6020, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the “Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7528**

Deputy Sheriff Zackari Spurlock Parrish, III, Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5791, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9609 South University Boulevard in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Zackari Spurlock Parrish, III, Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7528**

Detective Heath McDonald Gumm Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5792, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 North 4th Avenue in Brighton, Colorado, as the “Detective Heath McDonald Gumm Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7528**

Napoleon ‘Nap’ Ford Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6591, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 South Kirkman Road in Orlando, Florida, as the “Napoleon ‘Nap’ Ford Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7528**

Major Andreas O’Keeffe Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6780, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7521 Paula Drive in Tampa, Florida, as the “Major Andreas O’Keeffe Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7528**

Judge James E. Horton, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6513, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1110 West Market Street in Athens, Alabama, as the “Judge James E. Horton, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S7528**

Lance Corporal Juana Navarro Arellano Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6405, to des-

ignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Mitchell Road in Ceres, California, as the “Lance Corporal Juana Navarro Arellano Post Office Building”. **Page S7528**

Janet Lucille Oilar Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44160 State Highway 299 East Suite 1 in McArthur, California, as the “Janet Lucille Oilar Post Office”. **Page S7528**

Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6216, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3025 Woodgate Road in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office”. **Pages S7528–29**

Deputy Sheriff Derek Geer Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 241 N 4th Street in Grand Junction, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Derek Geer Post Office Building”. **Page S7529**

Patrick E. Mahany, Jr., Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6831, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 West Main Street in Frisco, Colorado, as the “Patrick E. Mahany, Jr., Post Office Building”. **Page S7529**

Sgt. Josh Rodgers Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 West North Street in Normal, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Josh Rodgers Post Office”. **Page S7529**

Frank Leone Post Office Act: Senate passed H.R. 6428, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 Ramapo Valley Road in Oakland, New Jersey, as the “Frank Leone Post Office”. **Page S7529**

Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason Morrow Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Main Street in Dansville, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building”. **Page S7529**

Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York, as the “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building”. **Page S7529**

Major Homer L. Pease Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6621, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 East Main Street in Johnson City, Tennessee, as the “Major Homer L. Pease Post Office”. **Page S7529**

Pleasanton Veterans Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the “Pleasanton Veterans Post Office”. **Page S7529**

Encinal Veterans Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the “Encinal Veterans Post Office”. **Page S7529**

Captain Humayun Khan Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3184, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Captain Humayun Khan Post Office”. **Page S7529**

James Marshall ‘Jimi’ Hendrix Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6628, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4301 Northeast 4th Street in Renton, Washington, as the “James Marshall ‘Jimi’ Hendrix Post Office Building”. **Page S7529**

Measures Considered:

Hostilities in the Republic of Yemen—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Young Amendment No. 4080, to clarify that this resolution prohibits United States Armed Forces from refueling non-United States aircraft conducting missions as part of the ongoing civil war in Yemen.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 261), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S7482**

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 262), Senate determined that the point of order that amendments offered under 50 U.S.C. 1546a must be germane to the underlying joint resolution to which they are offered, was well-taken. **Page S7483**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2018, all time be considered expired on the joint resolution, and Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments in the order listed, with two minutes equally divided in the usual form prior to each vote, and no second-degree amendments in order: Young Amendment No. 4080 (listed above), Cornyn Amendment No. 4096, Cornyn Amendment

No. 4090, Cornyn Amendment No. 4095, Cotton Amendment No. 4097, Cotton Amendment No. 4098, and Sanders Amendment No. 4105; and that following disposition of the amendments, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, as amended, if amended, with no intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2018. **Page S7529**

Appointments:

Syria Study Group: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115–254, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate, appointed the following individual as a member of the Syria Study Group: Vance F. Serchuk, of New York. **Page S7521**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

60 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S7503–05, S7529–30**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—262) **Pages S7474, S7482–83**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHINA'S PRESENCE AND INVESTMENT IN AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine implications of China's presence and investment in Africa, after receiving testimony from Yun Sun, The Stimson Center; Judd Devermont, Center for Strategic and International Studies; and Josh Meservey, Heritage Foundation Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, with the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense; and John H. Pendleton, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

U.S. FORCE POSTURE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a closed hearing to examine United States force posture in the Indo-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from James H. Anderson, Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Lieutenant General Brian D. Beaudreault, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Plans, Policies, and Operations, and Brigadier General Tracy King, USMC, Deputy Director, J5 (Asia), Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 2395, to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America Program and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to units of the National Park System to leverage local cultural heritage tourism assets, S. 2895 and H.R. 5613, bills to designate the Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark, S. 3291, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 3439 and H.R. 5532, bills to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era

National Historical Park, S. 3468, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3505, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 3527 and H.R. 5585, bills to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3533, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3534, to redesignate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the "New River Gorge National Park", S. 3571 and H.R. 5420, bills to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, S. 3646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept certain properties in the State of Missouri, S. 3609 and H.R. 801, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 3659, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", H.R. 1220, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, H.R. 3961, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 5706, to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, H.R. 6599, to modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and H.R. 6687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, after receiving

testimony from P. Daniel Smith, Deputy Director, Exercising the Authority of the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

MISSING PERSONS AND MURDER VICTIMS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine missing persons and murder victims in Indian country, focusing on confronting the silent crisis, after receiving testimony from Charles Addington, Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert Johnson, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Gerald M. Laporte, Director, Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, both of the Department of Justice; Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Navajo Nation Council, Window Rock, Arizona; Patricia Alexander, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Violence Against Women Task Force, Juneau; and Kimberly Loring Heavy Runner, Missoula, Montana.

CHINA'S NON-TRADITIONAL ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine China's non-traditional espionage against the United States, focusing on the threat and potential policy responses, after receiving testimony from John C. Demers, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, and E.W. Priestap, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department

of Homeland Security; Dean Cheng, The Heritage Foundation, and Peter E. Harrell, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and James Mulvenon, SOS International, LLC, Vienna, Virginia.

TRANSNATIONAL CARTELS AND BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine transnational cartels and border security, after receiving testimony from Kemp Chester, Associate Director, National Heroin Coordination Group, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Janice Ayala, Director, Joint Task Force for Investigations (JTF-I), Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Carla L. Provost, Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Paul E. Knierim, Deputy Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Chris Magnus, Tucson Police Department, Tucson, Arizona; and Earl Anthony Wayne, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Roger F. Noriega, American Enterprise Institute, Celina B. Realuyo, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and Andrew Selee, Migration Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7264–7289, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H10170–71

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6021, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude privately held, non-custody brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–1075);

H.R. 6130, to provide for a 5 year extension of certain exemptions and reduced disclosure require-

ments for companies that were emerging growth companies and would continue to be emerging growth companies but for the 5-year restriction on emerging growth companies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1076);

H.R. 6745, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to revise the shareholder threshold for registration under such Act for issuers that receive support through certain Federal universal service support mechanisms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1077); and

H.R. 4758, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Federal Open Market Committee to establish interest rates on balances maintained at a

Federal Reserve Bank by depository institutions (H. Rept. 115–1078). **Page H10168**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10105**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H10113**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 169 nays with four answering "present", Roll No. 433. **Pages H10114, H10128–29**

Medal of Valor Review Board—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the following individual to the Medal of Valor Review Board: Mr. Brian Fengel of Bartonville, Illinois. **Page H10115**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Department of Homeland Security Data Framework Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2454, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department; and **Pages H10129–30, H10152**

Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018: S. 2736, amended, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region. **Pages H10130–38**

Condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 274, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, as amended by Representative Ros-Lehtinen. **Pages H10138–40**

Georgia Support Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6219, to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia. **Pages H10140–41**

Reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote free, fair, transparent and credible elections in Bangladesh: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1169, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote free, fair, transparent and credible elections in Bangladesh. **Page H10142**

Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, by a yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 47 nays, Roll No. 434. **Pages H10142–51, H10151–52**

H. Res. 1176, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 432, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 431. **Pages H10115–28**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to automated external defibrillator (AED) training in the Nation's schools: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 35, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to automated external defibrillator (AED) training in the Nation's schools, as amended by Representative Lewis (MN). **Page H10152**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to automated external defibrillator (AED) education in the Nation's schools." **Page H10152**

Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 887, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities. **Pages H10152–53**

CyberTipline Modernization Act of 2018: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3170, to amend title 18, United States Code, to make certain changes to the reporting requirement of certain service providers regarding child sexual exploitation visual depictions. **Pages H10153–55**

Posthumously awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 2315, to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation, as amended by Representative Barr. **Pages H10155–56**

Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1050, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II. **Pages H10156–57**

USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2101, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS *Indianapolis*, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States. **Page H10157**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, December 13th. **Page H10157**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 64 was held at the desk. S. 1092 was held at the desk. S. 2961 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10163.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10127, H10127–28, H10128–29, and H10151–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESSING STATUS REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Security Clearance Processing Status Report”. Testimony was heard from Garry Reid, Director for Defense Intelligence, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Dan Payne, Director, Defense Security Service; and Charles Phalen, Director, National Background Investigations Bureau.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR FEDERAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Public Private Partnerships for Federal Energy Management”. Testimony was heard from Leslie Nicholls, Strategic Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; Jack Surash, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy and Sustainability, Department of the Army; Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer and Director, Office of Federal

High-Performance Buildings, General Services Administration; and Ed Bradley, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF SAFE KITS AT HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Availability of SAFE Kits at Hospitals in the United States”. Testimony was heard from A. Nicole Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the International Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from David Malpass, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

DEVELOPMENT, DIPLOMACY, AND DEFENSE: PROMOTING U.S. INTERESTS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Development, Diplomacy, and Defense: Promoting U.S. Interests in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

OVERSIGHT HEARING FOR THE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION’S BUREAU OF COMPETITION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S ANTITRUST DIVISION)

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing for the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies (Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Competition and the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division)”. Testimony was heard from Makan Delrahim, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 7.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 7.0”. Testimony was heard from Carol C. Harris, Director of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ed Simcox, Chief Technology Officer and Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; and Sheila Conley, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted, without amendment.

IS VA READY FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF APPEALS REFORM?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is VA Ready for Full Implementation of Appeals Reform?”. Testimony was heard from James Byrne, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1254)

H.R. 390, to provide relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes who are members of religious and ethnic minority groups in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–300)

H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–301)

H.R. 2422, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking

down barriers to care. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–302)

H.R. 4254, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–303)

H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–304)

H.R. 6651, to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–305)

S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–306)

S. 1768, to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–307)

S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–308)

S. 3389, to redesignate a facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–309)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Bonnie Glick, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, both of the United States Agency for International Development, and R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), Christopher Paul Henzel, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mongolia, Sarah-Ann Lynch, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to

the Republic of Armenia, Earle D. Litzenger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Kyle McCarter, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, and Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Nigeria at a Crossroads: The Upcoming Elections”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Honoring the Memory of Damon P. Nelson; adopting the Committee’s Activity Reports; and transmitting an Unclassified Committee Report to the Intelligence Community for Review and Comment, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

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